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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT NOVEMBER 19 PERMREPS LUNCH AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES
DISCUSSED AGENDA AND FORMAT OF THE DECEMBER 12-13 NAC MINISTERIAL AND
CEREMONIES SURROUNDING THE NAC AND THE DPC MINISTERIALS, MEETINGS OF
NATO AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW AND EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS, THE DEC
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TION OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT, CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT
SHAPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, A VISIT TO CANADIAN FORCES IN GERMANY, AND
TERRORISM. FOR REPORT ON PERMREPS' DISCUSSION ON TERRORISM SEE
SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. AGENDA AND FORMAT OF THE DECEMBER 12-13 AC MINISTERIAL AND CEREMONIES SURROUNDING THE NAC AND THE DPC MINISTERIALS

PER INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 252261, CHARGE MCAULIFFE INFORMED SYG LUNS AND PERMREPS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER PLANS TO BRIEF THE ALLIES ON THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT DURING THE COURSE OF THE DECEMBER 12-13 MINISTERIAL.

2. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM SAID THAT ON THE OCCASION OF NATOS 25TH ANNIVERSARY THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM PROPOSES TO HOLD A FORMAL DINNER INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THEIR WIVES AT THE BRUSSELS HOTEL DE VILLE IN THE GRAND PLACE ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 12TH. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO THE SUBJECT OF THE HONORARY PRESIDENCY AND DE STAERCKE INQUIRED WHETHER THE BRITISH WOULD STILL BE IN THE CHAIR AT THE TIME OF THE MINISTERIAL. LOGAN (UK) SAID HMG WAS READY TO RELINQUISH THE HONORARY PRESIDENCY, WHICH IT HAD ASSUMED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SYG, JUST AS SOON AS IT RECEIVED A REQUEST. THEODROPULOS (GREECE) RESPONDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE TO ACCEPT THE HONORARY PRESIDENCY IN TIME FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL, BUT HE COULD NOT RESPOND WITH PRECISION UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED AND A FOREIGN MINISTER NAMED. DE STAERCKE THEN PROPOSED THAT THE HONORARY PRESIDENT, WHO NORMALLY HOSTS A DINNER WHEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET, HOLD A LUNCHEON INSTEAD. THEODOROPULOS SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE THIS REQUEST TO ATHENS.

3. BUSCH (NORWAY) SAID THAT DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL WOULD HOST THE EUROGROUP DINNER ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 9. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT VANDEN BOEYNANTS WOULD HOST THE TRADITIONAL DPC LUNCH FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS ON DECEMBER 10. KRAPF (FRG) SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE QUADRIPARTATE DINNER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IS PLANNED FOR THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 11 AND THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM IS THE HOST. LOGAN AGREED. THE SYG SAID HE WOULD HOST HIS NORMAL LUNCH FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON DECEMBER 13.

4. LUNS AND PERMREPS AGREED THAT THE NAC MINISTERIAL WILL CONVENE AT 10:00 A.M. ON DECEMBER 12.
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5. MCAULIFFE, DRAWING ON STAE 250351, REITERATED THAT THE US FIRMLY BELIEVES EACH DELEGATION SHOULD BE LIMITED IN THE RESTRICTED SESSION OF THE NAC TO FOREIGN MINISTER PLUS PERMREP PLUS ONE, AS THIS WAS THE MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE THAT WOULD PERMIT A FRUITFUL EXCHANGE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT, WHILE THE US ENTERTAINED NO OBJECTIONS OR RESERVATIONS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT THE NAC RESTRICTED SESSION BY ALLIED DEFENSE MINISTERS, HE COULD NOT STATE THAT DR. SCHLESINGER DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND. MACULIFFE ALSO SAID THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT WHICH THE US PLANS TO TREAT IN THE RESTRICTED SESSION IS THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ALLIANCE AND THE ALLIES OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION. HE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH DE ROSE'S (FRANCE) SUGGESTION AT AN EARLIER LUNCH THAT "DETENTE" SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ON THE REGULAR AGENDA IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS. MENZIES

(CANADA) AND LOGAN FIRMLY SUPPORTED US VIEWS. LOGAN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HMG RATHER EXPECTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT WISH TO REPORT ON THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT AND ON SALT IN THE RESTRICTED SESSION. CATALANO (ITALY) SAID HE HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO INSIST THAT THE RESTRICTED SESSION BE ATTENDED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS, PERMREPS, POLITICAL DIRECTOR, PLUS NOTE-TAKER. HE BASED HIS ARGUMENT ON THE INABILITY OF SENIOR PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE A RECORD. DE STAERCKE AND SEVERAL OTHER PERMREPS INSISTED THEY AND THEIR POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE EXCELLENT NOTE-TAKERS. LUNS CONCLUDED THAT ATTENDANCE WOULD BE RESTRICTED AS SUGGESTED BY THE US AND OTHERS.

6. MEETINGS OF NATO AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW AND EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS -

DE STAERCKE SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW, FORD HAD CAUSED A COMMOTION OF SORTS BY CALLING A MEETING OF NATO AMBASSADORS TO DISCUSS SOVIET RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL. ERALP (TURKEY) SAID HE HAD HEARD THE SAME, AND IT APPEARED THAT IN MOSCOW NATO EMBASSIES TRADITIONALLY MAINTAIN CONTACT AT THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR LEVEL. DE ROSE SPOKE AGAINST MEETINGS AMONG ALLIES AT THE CHIEFS OF MISSION LEVEL IN MOSCOW. SVART (DENMARK), DRAWING ON HIS OWN EXPERIENCE, SAID SECURITY WAS TIGHT IN MOST NATO CHANCERIES IN MOSCOW, AND HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES ALLIED AMBASSADORS WOULD GATHER NOW AND AGAIN, BUT NOT ON A REGULAR PATTERN NOR AS AN INSTITUTIONALIZED FORUM. DE STAERCKE AND LOGAN AGREED WITH SVART. DRAWING ON HIS SERVICE
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IN SOFIA, LOGAN ADDED THAT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN MOST ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BULGARIA ARE SO POOR THAT ONLY TWO PREMISES CAN BE USED FOR MEETINGS OF THIS SORT. THE PERMREPS OF THE EC NINE COUNTRIES FIRMLY AGREED THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN MOSCOW AND EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS SHOULD CONTINUE TO GATHER MONTHLY; BUT THAT GATHERINGS OF NATO AMBASSADORS SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BECOME INSTITUTIONALIZED.

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7. THE DECEMBER 3 NAC ON CSCE -

LUNS EXPLAINED WHY HE FELT IT DESIRABLE TO SCHEDULE A NAC ON DECEMBER 3 WITH HEADS OF CSCE DELEGATIONS FROM GENEVA IN ATTENDANCE. MCAULIFFE SUPPORTED THE SYG. CATALANO SAID THE MEETING WAS WITHOUT UTILITY, BUT HE WOULD NOT VETO IT. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) SAID HE WOULD ATTEND UNWILLINGLY. DE ROSE SAID THE MEETING WAS HARD TO JUSTIFY

AND HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER PARIS WOULD WISH TO HAVE ITS GENEVA REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT; BUT HE WOULD CHECK.

8. PRESIDENT FORD'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT -
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MCAULIFFE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S NOVEMBER 17 REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JACKSON- NUNN AMENDMENT, THE TEXT OF WHICH APPEARED IN THE WIRELESS BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 19. THE SYG REMARKED THAT HE HAD ALREADY READ THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REPORT, THAT HE HAD NOTED THE GENERAOUS REFERENCES IT CONTAINED TO THE EXCELLENT WORK PERFORMED BY THE NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE, AND THAT HE FELT THAT DON RUMSFELD MUST HAVE HAD A HAND IN ITS PREPARATION.

9. CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT SHAPE -
DE STAERCKE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GENERAL HAIG WAS TO ASSUME COMMAND AS SACEUR ON DECEMBER 15. DE STAERCKE INQUIRED WHETHER A CEREMONY WAS PLANNED AND WHETHER THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WOULD BE RECEIVED AT SHAPE AS A BODY "AS IT SHOULD BE." HE NOTED THAT DECEMBER 15 IS A SUNDAY AND WONDERED WHETHER THIS WAS AN INOPPORTUNE DATE. THE SYG SAID HE HAD NO ANSWERS BUT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. LUNS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE RATHER FAVORED A FORMAL CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY ATTENDED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.

10. THE MIDDLE EAST -

DRAWING ON STATE 253514, MCAULIFFE SAID THE US GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS AND, IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF INCREASED MILITARY READINESS, HAS URGED RESTRAINT ON BOTH SIDES. HE SAID THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS FROM OUR EXCHANGES THAT BOTH SIDES INTEND TO CONTINUE OBSERVING THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION EACH SIDE IS IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS, AND MILITARY ACTION AT SOME POINT CANNOT BE RULED OUT. HOWEVER, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS POTENTIALLY INVOLVED IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN NOT UNDERMINING THE CHANCES FOR FURTHER PROGRESS.

11. A VISIT TO CANADIAN FORCES IN GERMANY -

MENZIES NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA MAINTAINS MODEST FORCES ON THE CONTINENT STATIONED AT LAHR AND BADEN IN THE FRG. HE SAID THAT OTTAWA FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE SYG AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL COULD PAY A VISIT TO AND INSPECT CANADIAN FORCES SOMETIME IN THE NEW YEAR. MENZIES SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF

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CANADA WOULD PROVIDE AN AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT THE VISITORS FROM BRUSSELS TO THE FRG IN THE MORNING AND TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR RETURN THE SAME DAY. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SYG AND THE PERMREPS WOULD VISIT WITH CANADIAN FORCES ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, LEAVING BRUSSELS AND RETURNING THE SAME DAY. MCAULIFFE

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